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SUBJ: KOREAN PRESS COVERAGE OF PAK TONG-SON CASE

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SUMMARY: ROK PRSS CONCENTRATES ON PAK-VANCE FOREIGN
MINISTERS' MEETING TOMORROW AND ON ROKG DENIAL THAT IT HAS
BOOKED KIM HYONG-UK. TONGA FOLLOWS LAWYER HUNDLEY'S
ACTIVITIES HERE WHILE HAN'GUK ILBO CONTINUES EMOTIONAL
CRITICISM OF U.S. NOTED OVER WEEKEND ELSEWHERE. END
SUMMARY.

1. ON SEPTEMBER 20, REPORTING IN KOREAN VERNACULAR PRESS
ON PAK TONG-SON AFFAIR WAS FOCUSED AROUND MEETING TOMORROW
MORNING (KOREA TIME) BETWEEN FONMIN PAK TONG-JIN AND SEC
STATE VANCE. ALL PAPERS CARRIED FRONT-PAGE ARTICLES
MENTIONING THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD DISCUSS PAK
CASE AND PLANS FOR U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL. SOME OF

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AFTERNOON PAPERS QUOTED STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN RESTON (PHONETIC) THAT MEETING WAS ARRANGED
HURRIEDLY AT ROKG REQUEST (ALTHOUGH REPORTING HERE
THROUGH LAST NIGHT INDICATED MEETING HAD BEEN ADVANCED
AT U.S. REQUEST). KYONGHYANG SINMUN SAID FONMIN PAK
WOULD MEET ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI AFTER MEETING SECSTATE.
CHUNGANG ILBO AND SEOUL SINMUN, QUOTING REPORTS FROM
SEOUL, SAID PAK MIGHT MEET SPECIAL COUNSEL JAWORSKI.

2. WITH REGARD TO TONGA ILBO'S SCOOP OF YESTERDAY
(REFTEL A), GOSSIP COLUMNS IN CHOSON ILBO AND SEOUL
SINMUN CARRIED DENIAL BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE YI SON-
JUNG THAT PROSECUTORS HAD BOOKED FORMER KCIA DIRECTOR
KIM HYONG-UK FOR VIOLATIONS OF ANTI-COMMUNIST AND
FOREIGN EXCHANGE LAWS. MIN. YI EXPLAINED KIM HAD
BEEN AUTOMATICALLY BOOKED ON BASIS OF TWO SUITS FILED
AGAINST HIM FOR DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER. VICE FONMIN
YUN HA-JONG WAS QUOTED AS SAYING FOREIGN MINISTRY
HAD RECEIVED NO REQUEST FROM JUSTICE MINISTRY TO

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REQUEST USG FOR RETURN OF KIM.

3. TONGA ILBO ITSELF DID NOT REPORT THESE DENIALS, BUT INSTEAD RAN SMALL PIECE ON FRONT PAGE REPORTING THAT PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAD SUMMONED DUP LAWYER YI MYONG-HWAN ON SEPTEMBER 7, ASSEMBLYMAN KIM KYONG-IN ON SEPTEMBER 8, AND VISITED DUP HEAD YANG IL-TONG IN HOSPITAL SEPTEMBER 9. ALL FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH DUP'S SUIT AGAINST KIM. TONGA ALSO FRONT-PAGED A SMALL REUTERS ARTICLE NOTING SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE HAS NAMED VICTOR KRAMER (PHONETIC) AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR ITS INVESTIGATION OF PAK AFFAIR. IN LOCAL ARTICLE ON LAWYER HUNDLFY'S ACTIVITIES, TONGA NOTED THAT HE HAD MET SEPTEMBER 19 WITH PAK TONG-SON

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FOR THIRD DAY IN A POW AND THAT HE PLANS TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS IN SEOUL DISTRICT PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE WHO QUESTIONED PAK AND WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DISCUSSING CASE WITH U.S. BEFORE LEAVING KOREA AROUND SEPTEMBER 22.

4. HAN'GUK ILBO FRONT-PAGED SMALL TONGYANG ARTICLE FROM TOKYO NOTING TOKYO SHIMBUN 9/19 HAD SAID U.S., IF IT WANTS TO MAINTAIN ROK-U.S. RELATIONS, MUST AVOID STIMULATING POKG EXCESSIVELY. AS IT MIGHT CAUSE AN EXPLOSION OF ANTI-U.S. EMOTION. AS IF TO ILLUSTRATE THIS, PAPER RAN FEATURE ON PAGE THREE BY POET YI WON-SOP WHICH CRITICIZES U.S. FOR EXCESSIVE ATTENTION TO PAK CASE AND FOR WESTERN HAUGHTINESS AND PREJUDICE IN PLACING ITSELF FIRST AND JUDGING OTHERS TOO SEVERELY. YI STATES U.S., IN VIEW OF ITS TREATMENT OF INDIANS AND BLACKS, IS NOT QUALIFIED TO SPEAK OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND MORAL DIPLOMACY AND CONCLUDES WITH HOPE U.S. WILL FORSAKE SELF-RIGHTFULNESS FOR MODESTY AND RECOGNIZE AS ITS TRUE FRIEND ONLY COUNTRY IN WORLD THAT HAS NEVER SAID "YANKEE GO HOME".

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